

Syllabus

Descrizione corso

Titolo insegnamento	Teoria delle relazioni internazionali
Codice insegnamento	27160
Titolo aggiuntivo	
Settore Scientifico-Disciplinare	SPS/04
Lingua	Inglese
Corso di Studio	Corso di laurea in Economia, Politica ed Etica
Altri Corsi di Studio (mutuati)	
Docenti	prof. Roberto Farneti, Roberto.Farneti@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics-management/academic-staff/person/17315
Assistente	
Semestre	Secondo semestre
Anno/i di corso	2/3
CFU	6
Ore didattica frontale	36
Ore di laboratorio	-
Ore di studio individuale	-
Ore di ricevimento previste	18
Sintesi contenuti	The course engages with the main theories and discourses in the study of International Relations: Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism will be explained by illustrating the debates and 2/3 discussions that animate the discipline. Globalization is the backdrop where international actors engage in a system of relations ranging from cooperation to conflict. The course will illustrate a number of dyads, like East-West and North-South, that structure IRs, and will expand on such issues as national security, international and transnational institutions and global governance

Argomenti dell'insegnamento	<p>The historical (and pre-historical) background; theories of world politics; structures and processes; international issues, globalization, and current challenges. The course begins by commenting on excerpts from Yuval Harari's book <i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i> expanding on the origins of "early human institutions" and follows the development of IRs up to the emergence of sophisticated forms of political accountability in the international politics of the XXI c. One block of lectures engages with the main theories and discourses in the study of IRs. Globalization is the backdrop where international actors engage in a spectrum of relations ranging from cooperation to conflict. The course will expand on such issues as national security, national self-determination, international and transnational institutions and NGOs, and global governance.</p>
Parole chiave	<p>Realism – power politics, anarchy, state interests. Liberalism – cooperation, institutions, interdependence. Constructivism – norms, identity, social construction of world politics. Sovereignty – the state as the main actor in international relations. Power – both hard (military, economic) and soft (norms, ideas). Globalization – interconnectedness, transnational challenges, erosion of state-centric models.</p>
Prerequisiti	None
Insegnamenti propedeutici	None
Modalità di insegnamento	18 two-hour lectures, normally offered twice a week, starting in March 2026. Instructor uses PowerPoint.
Obbligo di frequenza	Recommended, but not mandatory
Obiettivi formativi specifici e risultati di apprendimento attesi	
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Modalità di esame	1. Participation. Depending on how many students will be attending, format and participation will be discussed and agreed upon in week one. Attendance is not compulsory but in-class discussion of case studies by registered students will be appreciated.

	<p>2. Midterm: A mid-term is tentatively scheduled for April 8 (maximum 3 extra points). Only students who attend regularly (e.g., 80% of classes) can enroll to the mid-term.</p> <p>3. 70-minute final exam: this is an in-class written exam combining multiple choice + short essay (max 350 words); further details about the structure of the exam and the composition of the grade will be given in a separate doc, made available in the 'file' folder of the course's Teams within week 5.</p>
Criteri di valutazione	See 'assessment'.
Bibliografia obbligatoria	<p>John Baylis. Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, <i>The Globalization of World Politics</i>. 8th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.</p> <p>Y.N. Harari, <i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i> (Penguin 2014)</p> <p>S. Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory." <i>The American Political Science Review</i>, Vol. 97, No. 4. (2003), pp. 585-602</p> <p>W. Callahan, <i>Sensible Politics: Visualizing International Relations</i> (Oxford UP, 2020)</p>
Bibliografia facoltativa	
Altre informazioni	
Obiettivi di Sviluppo Sostenibile (SDGs)	Parità di genere, Pace e giustizia, Ridurre le disuguaglianze